



# South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program

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## **11 South Carolina professional and civic leaders named to prestigious education policy program**

COLUMBIA – Eleven (11) professional and civic leaders from across South Carolina have been selected to participate in the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program (SC-EPFP) for 2022-23.

SC-EPFP, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year in The Palmetto State, is a 10-month intensive professional development program for established and emerging leaders from all disciplines to help equip them in working toward sound education policy and practice in South Carolina. SC-EPFP Fellows participate in a variety of activities to promote leadership, develop professional networks, demystify education policy, and foster greater understanding of the roles of government and the community in education.

Members of the SC-EPFP cohort for 2022-23 are:

**Marcia W. Bacon** – CEO  
Richland First Steps, Columbia

**Adrian D. Busch** – Principal  
Woodland High School, Dorchester School District 4, Dorchester

**Cristin Casper** – Community Services Coordinator  
Beaufort County School District, Beaufort

**Karla Swan Chapman** – Elementary Assistant Principal  
East Point Academy Public Charter School, West Columbia

**Rasheeda N. Cleveland** – Staff Attorney  
South Carolina School Boards Association, Columbia

**Sarah J. Eargle** – Executive Director  
Newberry County First Steps, Newberry

**Deion M. Jamison** – 2023 South Carolina Teacher of the Year  
Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement, Winthrop University, Rock Hill

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**Kyndra J. Johnson** – District Social Work Coordinator  
Clarendon County School District, Manning

**Dr. Shawn L. Johnson** – Superintendent  
Clarendon County School District, Manning

**Ranina Outing** – Regional Family Engagement Liaison  
Carolina Family Engagement Center, USC College of Education, Columbia

**Marvin “Mark” Smith** – South Carolina House of Representatives  
District 99, Berkeley and Charleston Counties

“Once again, our SC-EPFP cohort represents some of the most skilled and committed leaders from across our state,” said Scott T. Price, Executive Director for the SC School Boards Association and SC-EPFP Advisory Board Chair. “This year they will work and learn together to develop new perspectives, sharpen their professional skills, pursue innovative dialogues, and network with leaders from other areas so they can take definitive steps toward lasting and meaningful education improvement at the state and local levels.”

South Carolina Fellows will meet monthly throughout the academic year for full-day dialogues, exercises, and group projects, in addition to a three-day Washington Policy Seminar in the nation’s capital in March.

SC-EPFP operates under the auspices of the national Education Policy Fellowship Program of the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC, which oversees Fellowship programs in 10 states and the District of Columbia. In South Carolina, the program is housed within the SC School Improvement Council, located in the Center for Educational Partnerships of the University of South Carolina College of Education.

Since its inception in South Carolina, SC-EPFP has produced nearly 260 program graduates from a variety of professional backgrounds.

SC-EPFP is supported by an advisory board providing cross-disciplinary leadership representing the state’s K-12 education, higher education, and business communities.

For additional information on the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program, visit the SC-EPFP page online at <https://sic.sc.gov/sic-information/sc-education-policy-fellowship-program-sc-epfp>.

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